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March 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Public and Agency Notice of Workshop, Scoping Meeting, and Intent to Prepare a Functionally Equivalent Document pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the Renewable Electricity Standard

Dear Sir or Madam:

Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss a proposed regulation for a Renewable Electricity Standard (RES). The RES would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by increasing the percentage of electricity generation provided by eligible renewable resources. The regulation would be designed to implement Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Executive Order S-21-09 (EO). This EO directs the Board to adopt a regulation consistent with a 33% renewable electricity standard by July 31, 2010. ARB is developing the RES in cooperation with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the California Energy Commission, and the California Independent System Operator.

ARB is preparing a Functionally Equivalent Document (FED) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The workshop will serve as the scoping meeting for the environmental document. Public and agency comments will be used by ARB in determining the scope and content of the FED.

The workshop will include a discussion of the preliminary results and modeling of the economic and environmental analyses being undertaken as part of the rulemaking. An agenda and supporting documentation will be posted prior to the workshop. The Board is scheduled to consider the RES at its July 22-23, 2010, meeting.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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The public workshop and scoping meeting will be held at the time and location shown below:

Date: Monday, April 5, 2010
Time: Noon – 3:00 pm
Location: Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Byron Sher Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

Scoping comments may also be submitted in writing to the following address:

California Air Resources Board
Stationary Source Division
Attention: Barbara Fry
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments should be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than April 30, 2010.

Webcast Information

For those unable to attend the workshop in person, a live video/audio webcast will be available beginning at Noon on April 5, 2010, at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1>. During the workshop, the webcast audience may submit questions and comments using the following e-mail address: auditorium@calepa.ca.gov.

Special Accommodations and Language Assistance

If you require a special accommodation or need this document in an alternate format or language, please contact Tom Pomales at 916-322-2052 or tpomales@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled event/meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

Website and Meeting Materials

ARB will post meeting materials and an agenda prior to this meeting at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/energy/res/res.htm>. From this website, you may also join our electronic mailing list to receive further notices for future workshops and regulatory developments.

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We welcome and appreciate your participation in this public workshop. If you have any questions regarding this workshop or the proposed RES regulation, please contact David Mehl, Energy Section Manager, at (916) 323-1491 or dmehl@arb.ca.gov; or Gary Collord, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-5548 or gcollord@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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